

To: Wharton, Steve[Wharton.Steve@epa.gov]; Murray, Bill[Murray.Bill@epa.gov]
From: Hestmark, Martin
Sent: Thur 10/8/2015 7:45:39 PM
Subject: RE: Animas FY15 RI data

I want to talk about this before you have a discussion with Brent.

From: Wharton, Steve
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 1:44 PM
To: Hestmark, Martin; Murray, Bill
Subject: RE: Animas FY15 RI data

Martin – I just left a message for Brent and will follow-up with him on his concerns.

We had suspended these weekly meetings shortly after the Gold King release, partly out of necessity due to people being deployed and partly due to uncertainties about State – EPA relationships (i.e., AG involvement).

As I stated in our EPR Leadership meeting yesterday, at this point, my RPMs and others on the site team are highly unsure of what they can discuss with whom and how our historical Remedial Program activities can/should progress in the context of the release event and the broader, watershed-scale activities. As a consequence, they are understandably reluctant to engage with and make commitments to our State and Federal partners, when they believe that their statements and commitments may be rendered meaningless, or even worse, result in punitive actions against them.

I have been coordinating with Johanna, and Liz Fagen has been coordinating with Rob Parker regarding the data needs for the Site Assessment/NPL process. I can coordinate and manage the remedial site team with respect to scoping additional RI work, as the team feels is appropriate based on the applicable science. I need your and Bill's assistance with respect to managing the interactions between the Gold King Leadership Group and the site team, if they are to make meaningful progress on the site.

Steve

From: Hestmark, Martin
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 12:18 PM
To: Murray, Bill; Wharton, Steve
Subject: FW: Animas FY15 RI data

Have we suspended these meetings?

From: Lewis, Brent [<mailto:b1lewis@blm.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 12:13 PM
To: Wharton, Steve; Schmittiel, Paula; Fagen, Elizabeth; Wall, Dan; Way, Steven
Cc: Hestmark, Martin; Connie Clementson; Charlie Beecham; Lonny Bagley
Subject: Animas FY15 RI data

All,

I understand the valid reason(s) to postpone our weekly Upper Animas meetings/conference calls, but we're anxious to understand the plan for assessing the RI data collected in the Upper Animas this year. A tremendous amount of new data exists and the information it may provide is extremely important for our planning and budgets. In spite of setbacks, we've made a lot of progress this year and we don't want to fall behind in our RI effort. thanks

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